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RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

December, 1999 - January, 2000 *232 Ogden Avenue - Jersey City, N.J. 07307 - (201) 798-0493*

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ANNUAL FOOD & TOY DRIVE

This is your last chance to contribute to the RNA annual holiday drive for food and toys. All donations of nonperishable foods stuffs or toys (either new or used but unbroken) must be received no later than our **December 14**th meeting. You can also drop off items at other times by calling **Maria at 659-2245**. Cash donations will be accepted (no later than Dec.10th) and disbursed as the donor wishes. All items will be given to the **Salvation Army** for distribution during the holiday season.

RNA HOLIDAY PARTY

RNA cordially invites all its members, neighbors and friends to its annual holiday celebration to be held during the **December 14**th meeting. We also extend this invitation to our friends from other neighborhood and block associations and all the City officials from the various agencies that have worked with and helped RNA during the year. This invitation includes the Mayor and his staff, our Ward councilpersons and At-large representatives. There will be no official business conducted at this meeting unless there is an emergency to discuss.

RNA will provide a variety of delicious hot food catered by **Mangia Bene**. In turn, we ask everyone to bring a favorite homemade holiday dessert treat or non-alcoholic beverage. Members are also encouraged to bring a friend or neighbor. Begin the holidays by toasting in the millenium with RNA.

PARK CELEBRATION

On **Friday, November 17th** at **6:30 PM**, the **City of Jersey City** and RNA will co-sponsor a night of holiday activities in Riverview-Fisk Park. The main event will be the lighting of the Park Pavilion - decorated with Christmas lights. **Santa Claus**, as well as **Mayor Bret Schundler**, will make an appearance. Holiday music will be provided by our own **Joey George**. Refreshments of hot chocolate and cookies will be served.

Dress warmly. Bring your family and friends. All are welcome to participate in this wonderful event!

IN MEMORY OF FRANCES SANTORO:

Frances Novack Santoro passed away in November. She was a good neighbor and friend who will be greatly missed. Frances was a reassuring daily presence on Ogden Avenue who knew practically everyone. In the last few years, from her porch seat, she was constantly making new friends by speaking to residents who passed by her house.

She, along with her husband Frank were two of the original members of RNA. She was an active supporter of our community work and always encouraged us to improve the neighborhood by helping everybody. Every year, in good or bad health, she would participate in our annual flea market - sitting in Riverview-Fisk Park with her wide brim straw hat talking to everyone. She also contributed to this newsletter by submitting fascinating accounts - part personal and part historical - describing her life as a young woman in our neighborhood. (One of her articles about the holiday season in our community is reprinted on page two.)

[At our November monthly meeting, members voted to make a financial contribution in memory of Frances to the Liberty Humane Society of which she was a member and because of her tireless work to protect stray cats in our neighborhood. Individuals who wish to make their own contributions can pick-up envelopes at the December 14th meeting or call (201) 547-4147 for more information.]

Frances lived in this neighborhood all her life and believed that it was a good place to live. The following are reminscences from some of her friends and neighbors.

Our dear friend and neighbor passed away on the 8th of November. Fran had been a lifelong resident of Jersey City, and had lived in her house for 72 years. Her nephew, Robert Kalesh, summed up Fran the best when he reminded us all that, "Aunt Fran loved everyone . . . " There was not a day that went by that she wasn't making someone smile.

Brian Moloughney grew up in Fran's house, and knew her as a wonderful, kind and extremely generous person. As one of six children in a very active household, Brian remembered how Fran could tell who was coming up or down the stairs just by the sound of their footsteps. Even in later years, when his brothers or sisters who come over, Fran would know who was visiting!

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CHRISTMAS CAROLING

RNA will once again organize a group of hardy individuals for our annual neighborhood caroling. Please join us to wish our friends and neighbors a musical holiday greeting. We will meet at the park pavilion in Riverview-Fisk Park at **5:00 P.M.** on **Sunday, December 19th**. The pavilion is located on Ogden Avenue between Griffith and Bowers Streets. Dress warmly with proper clothing and footwear. Printed songsheets will be handed out, so bring a flashlight.

If you are unable to walk with us for this holiday activity, please welcome the carolers to your house by putting on your porch lights. And show your appreciation by inviting them in for some good cheer and some hot refreshments.

Sgt. Anthony Holiday Dinner

On **Thursday, December 16th** at **6:30 PM**, the **Sgt. Anthony Park Assn.** cordially invites members of RNA to their annual holiday dinner held at the **Cantonese Tea Garden,** located at **920 Bergen Avenue** in Journal Square. The meal is $10.00 per person. You must RSVP **Robin** (**798-8151**) by 12/13.

Frances Santoro (continued from first page)

Gallo, her best friend and diligent care-giver for the last seven years, lovingly adopted Fran as "Gramma" for her own children who had never known their real grandmother. Fran easily and graciously stepped in the role of surrogate grandparent, and loved having been the center of attention. Raj, Gallo's son, remembered that if he didn't call "Gramma" by 7:30 in the morning, she would call him and ask if he was okay. Gallo will always remember the kind and generous spirit of "Gramma" and the ways she would make her laugh, and enjoy life.

Because of her love of animals, Brian often called Fran, St "Francis" of Assisi. She did so much to find good homes for virtually hundreds of stray homeless cats and for those that she couldn't find good homes for, she fed and protected. Brian remembered Frank Santoro driving Frances around in his Mercedes Benz - the horn playing "Oh, Susanna" - and stopping people on Ogden Avenue to ask if they wanted a kitten. Later on, Fran would ask people for references, just to make sure the kittens were going to a good home.

Fran was a big part of Ogden Avenue . . . just come around the corner on any given Spring or Summer day, and you'd see her sitting on her front porch, smiling and waving at all the goings-on. It was the street that gave her so much joy in the years since her Frank's passing . . . the activity of the people, the children, the peeking out her crisply pressed drapes to see who was walking where, who was getting yelled at, who had bought a new car, and which house was up for sale. It was Gallo bringing her companionship and groceries, it was Brian's daughter, Kayliegh bringing her the joys only a six-year old could. It was the new geraniums every Mother's Day, and the Mr. Softee in the summer.

I know I will miss seeing Fran as I scurry out to get my Journal in the morning - dashing out so no one will see my robe and slippers - But Fran would see me and wave. And my day would begin!

We will miss out dear Frannie, who brought so much life to our lives and put smiles on our hearts. Our little corner will never be the same.

Gina G. Cesari

A few months ago I visited Fran Santoro. After that I decided to write about Fran. I said to myself why not write now while she can still read it. But I put it off, and now Fran has passed away. Too late.

She was such a fine person and a real lady and always neatly dressed. I always admired her home and how nicely kept it was. She would always reply, "Oh my, it's such a mess."

I know a lot of us will miss her and I know we are thinking of her.

Jack Rea

Holiday Recollections

[The following article, written by Frances Santoro, originally appeared in the December 1988-January 1989 RNA Newsletter.]

The Holiday season on Ogden Avenue sixty years ago was quite different than today. The season officially started on Thanksgiving Day. Nowadays, the children dress up in costumes on Halloween and as is today's tradition, they beg saying "trick or treat". Years ago our custom as children was to do the same , but we did it on Thanksgiving day and we begged using the words "anything for Thanksgiving?"

Also in more recent years the children have deserted us residents and they now do their "thing" on more commercial streets as Central Avenue. In the "old days," little girls dressed up as big ladies. They tried to look as much like their mothers, grandmothers, aunts, or big sisters as they possibly could. They sometimes tried to imitate a popular movie star of the day. The boys, of course, had their own idols to dress up like. Policemen, firemen, railroad engineers with the blazing red neckerchief, were some of the idols that were copies back then. Some even tried dressing and walking like their favorite screen actor Charlie Chaplin.

Thanksgiving day also brought the traditional rivalry of the Dickinson/St Peters football game. The bigger children and the adults were the ones to go to the game and root for their particular favorite. I like to think back (whether it was so or not) that always there was a goodly dusting of snow, which greatly contributed to the overall atmosphere of the season. The game was always played in the morning to ensure that the teams and the fans would get home on time to enjoy the traditional turkey dinner in the bosom of their respective families.

Then came Christmas. Only natural Christmas trees were available as artificial trees had not yet been invented. Trees were bought at locations right in the neighborhood - such as Palisade and Griffith - and would

cost anywhere from twenty-five cents to two dollars. Those people with limited means, would wait until late Christmas Eve and the man selling the trees would give you one for practically nothing and more often than not for free.

The tree decorations were beautifully colored and were made of a very thin substance that could be termed glass. You had to handle them gingerly because they were easily broken. A tree was not considered properly decorated unless it had at least some strings of freshly popped pop-corn and garlands of gold and silver tinsel. There were other tree decorations such as little santas dangling from a rubberized string and striped candy canes were also hung on the branches by their own crooks. Next, candles in their holders were snapped onto the tree branches and a little village including the creche was built beneath the tree. The final touch was placing the treetop ornament. An angel or a star were the ones used the most. Sometimes it was a special steeple-like piece that was made of thin colored glass.

On Christmas Eve, the family all gathered and the candles were lit in the otherwise darkened room. It was a festive and spiritual sight indeed. Christmas wreaths were also made of natural branches since artificial wreaths were, as yet, unthought of. In later years it became popular for people to light up the front of their homes with many strings of electric lights.

Gifts were part of the tradition then as well as now. Girls usually received dolls, doll carriages and paper doll cutouts. Boys often received baseball equipment, electric trains or erector sets. Boys and girls might also be given sleds, ice skates, roller skates or bicycles. Children, especially those who had received new sleds, were most happy when their prayers were answered and it would snow. They wanted the chance to try their new sleds.

In this neighborhood that was made twice as much fun because nearby streets are hilly and the children made a big thing out of "belly-whopping." This maneuver consisted of running with your sled a small distance, throwing the sled down on the snowy street or hill and then jumping belly down on top of the sled. The ride itself often covered less distance then the preparation for it. Auto traffic, in those days, did not pose as a great a threat to us as today's traffic poses to children now.

Many working people were paid on Christmas Eve. You can imagine the last minute frenzied shopping. Like the Christmas tree vendor, many merchants lowered their prices for such last minute sales.

Employers had the custom of giving their employees gifts on Christmas Eve. Often these gifts were gold pieces. They ranged in value from the attractive $2.50 piece to the $20.00 piece, better know as the Golden Eagle.

In those long-ago years, New Year's Eve was spent at home partying with family and friends while awaiting the arrival of midnight. Familiar signals would announce the New Year. Those dependable whistles from the factories of the surrounding area and fog-horns from vessels on the Hudson River were the clarion ushering in the first minute of the New Year. Traditionally, at midnight, the children would march around the block beating mercilessly on pots and pans to ward off evil spirits. (The warding off of evil spirits with loud noise originated in ancient China.) Soon after midnite, neighbors visited each other to convey their best wishes for the new year.

I hope, fellow RNA members, that my remembrances are some that you also share. I hope that my little foray into the past has brought back fond memories of your childhood. Most especially I hope that you remember the joyousness of the whistles and the fog-horns on the eve of the New Year and of how much more meaning the event held for us because of those familiar sounds.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Frances B. Santoro

In Memory of Anthony Huels

RNA would like to respectfully acknowledge the passing of Anthony Huels - neighbor, friend and community activist.

Anthony and his brother Herb were the organizers of the Pershing Field Neighborhood Association. They were instrumental in the renovation of Pershing Field Park and bringing the City's plans for the development of the two Heights reservoirs to the attention of the Heights community. They have also been long time advocates for the public recognition of our veterans' service to our country.

Harbor View Holiday Party

RNA's annual holiday party for the residents of the Health Care Center on November 19th was a big success. This party is a token expression of RNA's appreciation for the use of the Center's facility during the year.

The residents enjoyed being entertained and catered to by their community neighbors. As usual, there was plenty of baked goodies and drinks to go around. There were also individual gifts for each resident - made up of socks, lotions, pictures frames and other novelties donated by the neighborhood.

Thanks to the marvelous singing talents of the "Andrew Sisters", made up of **Fran Briody**, **Ella Tuzzio**, **Ceil Bawiec** and **Mary Botts** and the musical accompaniment of **Frank Frega**. Santa and his clown helper played respectively by **Robert Boesch** and **Valerie Rea**, also entertained and passed out the gifts to the residents.

A heart-warm thanks to all our neighbors, members and friends who volunteered their time and energy for this worthy event. Without their help this type of party would not have been possible.

Finally, thanks to Harbor View's **Rob Smolin**, **Aimee Montgomery** and the Center's staff for their help and cooperation in organizing this event. Special thanks to **Dan of Palisade Lumber**, **Dave of Royal**

House Floors and the boys of **Central Avenue Bagel Shop** for their contributions.

Jack Rea

[RNA would like to individually thank party organizers Jack Rea and Valerie Rea.]

MEETING MINUTES: November 9, 1999

The November meeting was opened at 7:35 PM. This meeting was videotaped by **Comcast Cable** television for future broadcast over its public channels. For the benefit of the cable audience, the Chair gave a brief description of RNA's history and current activities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: RNA announced the passing of longtime resident and member **Frances Santoro**.

The final plans for the annual holiday party for the residents of the **Harbor View Health Care Center** on November 19th were discussed by **Jack Rea**. Requests for volunteers, baked goods and gifts donations were made for this event. A special request was made by **Aimee Montgomery**, the activities director of the Harbor View , for volunteers to help with the residents on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day. Interested parties should call **963-1800**.

There were announcements for RNA's holiday activities: **December 14th party** for RNA members and friends, **December 19th Xmas caroling** and the annual **Food and Toy Drive**.

Vice-chair **Kevin Mahony** thanked everyone for their efforts in the recent fall clean-up in our neighborhood.

NEW BUSINESS: The members approved the following motions:

1) the payment of a hardware bill for the purchase of new locks for the community flower gardens in Riverview-Fisk Park;

2) the amount of money to be spent for the catering of the RNA holiday party on December 14th;

3) a financial contribution in memory of Frances Santoro to a non-profit animal shelter organization;

4) a financial contribution to the Coalition for a Better Waterfront;

5) a letter of support to the Hudson River Walkway Conservancy;

6) a letter of support to the Friends of Liberty State Park advocating a shuttle bus service for visitors;

7) letter of support and financial contribution to the Friends of Weehawken Waterfront.

TOM DEGISE, COUNCIL PRESIDENT was our guest speaker. The first topic he spoke about was the current municipal budget crisis and the potential lay-off of city employees. The problem is that the City cannot close a $27.4 million deficit in next year's budget. In the past, the City has used one time maneuvers to provide the needed revenue. It has also received state aid. This year however, the State is not willing to provide enough aid to close this deficit. DeGise believes that Jersey City deserves its fair share of this state money because it has generated 80% of the job growth in New Jersey.

He then proceeded to review several forms of potential revenue for the City. DeGise believes that tax abatements for large scale developments are actually good for the City because the amount that a project pays in lieu of taxes goes entirely to the City. While the payment the City receives is less than their assessed value, the City does not have to share this amount with the County or Board of Education.

He stated that a municipal income tax is currently against state law. The implementation of a business payroll tax of 1% could generate about $30 million dollars a year. However, he would rather not impose this tax but instead wants the State to share some of its collected revenue.

The biggest single item in the budget is the salaries of the police and fire departments which increase approximately $3 to 4 million dollars each year. DeGise informed the group that the Council is currently reviewing two budgets - one with the requested amount of state aid and one without - and it will act upon one of them as soon as the State announces the amount of aid it will award Jersey City. He believes that Jersey City will receive between $15 - 20 million dollars from the State. However, DeGise stated that Jersey City needs at least $23 million to avoid any of the municipal lay-offs.

The next topic he discussed was the renaissance that Jersey City is experiencing. There are two new large scale hotels and four more are planned in the future. Jersey City is still actively competing with New York City for the relocation of new and established businesses. He mentioned that the City is finally going to invest in Palisade Avenue through a redevelopment project which would help stimulate new businesses in our community and make it eligible for federal Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) . The City is also trying to have the Avenue declared a Urban Enterprise Zone which would entitle it to additional funds for renovation.

In response to a member's frustration about police and City services in general in our community, DeGise announced that the City is currently refurbishing two trailers and converting them into mini stations - one of which is earmarked for Palisade Avenue. He also promised to help our community get Mountain Road closed properly and apologized for not following up on this matter sooner. [As reported in last month's newsletter, RNA had a meeting with DeGise and other City officials to demand better protection in response to a murder committed on Mountain Road.]

Next, DeGise discussed the downsizing of the NID, which is currently reduced to a work force of code enforcement officials only. Therefore, the City is not able to respond as quickly or effectively to problems in our communities. In response, he offered his office's help in resolving any problems that this situation has caused.

He promised to look into the replacement of a missing guard rail on Ravine Road. He again reiterated that he would have the Department of Public Works secure Mountain Road as soon as possible.

DeGise ended his discussion with the announcement of good news. The City has finally acquired the Exxon property on the corner of Palisade Avenue and Congress Street and will commence with its

plans to construct a new fire station facility on the site. He also confirmed that the refurbishing of the City library located on Zabriski Street will be completed next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Maria Tuzzo, Secretary

COMMUNITY UPDATES:

Permit Parking: On November 23rd, the City Council unanimously passed an ordinance to create a residential permit parking zone in the north section of the Heights. This zone, (incorporating the boundaries of RNA: Ogden and Palisade Avenue from Bowers to Cuneo Place) would extend from Congress Street on the north, Hancock on the west, Ogden on the east and Cuneo on the south. The hours of enforcement would be from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM, Monday to Friday. The ordinance was sponsored by Heights council representatives **Bill Gaughan, Arnold Bettinger** and **Tom DeGise.**

Members of RNA and the newly organized Heights Hope neighborhood association spoke in support of the ordinance. There was opposition to this proposal from several merchants and residents.

After the Council meeting, **Carmine Venezia**, director of the Parking Authority informed RNA that permit parking would be implemented after the new year, as would the installation of parking meters on Palisade Avenue. Mr. Venezia has been invited to be the guest speaker at the January 11, 2000 meeting to explain and answer any question about this new ordinance.

Mr. Venezia also extended an invitation to all residents to the **Dedication of the Cambridge Street Parking Lot** scheduled for **Tuesday, December 7** at 11:00 AM. The facility, located behind the Burger King on Central Avenue, will provide ample parking for visitors and shoppers alike for the Heights shopping district.

THANKSGIVING GIFT

Councilman Arnold Bettinger gave RNA a 20 lb. turkey for the holidays. RNA in turn donated this generous gift to the residents of **Saint Lucy's Shelter**, located on Grove Street in downtown Jersey City.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Mountain Road - Sore Spot

[The following letter was printed in the Jersey Journal's Opinion column on November 23, 1999.]

I read your article regarding the unfortunate individual murdered on Mountain Road. I was troubled by your reference to this passage as a "path."

Since Mountain Road was closed to vehicular traffic in the early eighties, this passage has been a sore spot in our neighborhood. It has attracted drug dealing, illegal dumping, murder and mayhem, squatters and other undesirables.

The community at large has been after the city of Jersey City for years to do something about this situation with limited success. As a community, we had supported the idea of reopening the road based on the assumption that vehicular traffic would increase visibility and provide safety for pedestrians.

A project was initiated by the city in 1998, but the project was abandoned due to engineering problems and a lack of budget.

We have gotten no commitment from the city to complete this project. In January of 1999, City Engineer John Mucha announced the availability of funds to renovate Holland Street (another cliff-side roadway out of the Heights). Not only could these funds be used to finish Mountain Road, but the funds would be insufficient to properly renovate Holland Street if that project was allowed to proceed.

Our neighborhood has been plagued by drug dealers and gang wars in the last year. Our local community group (Riverview Neighborhood Association) has gone to both Councilmen Arnold Bettinger and Bill Gaughan for help, we have tried the Mayor and likewise no help.

I hope you can keep a spotlight on this story. The city dropped the ball on this project and needs to be held accountable.

Kevin G. Mahony

☞ IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

1) NID: Call **547-4974** and then dial either:

a) **Ext. 8010 for North-6 Mgr. Susan Benavides** (Ogden and Palisade Ave. from Cuneo Place to Griffith Street), or

b) **Ext. 8021 for North-7 Mgr. Laura Petersen** (Ogden and Palisade Ave. from Griffith to Congress Str.)

2) PSEG LIGHTING: To report a non-functioning light in the Park or on any of our streets, call **PSEG** at **330-6572** and leave a message with the exact location and number of the street pole.

3) PARKING AUTHORITY: To report parking complaints call **653-6969**, and press #9. This number is good till 12 midnight. If there is an emergency, Mr. Carmine Venezia, the PA Director can be reached through his beeper **517-3367**, till midnight during the weekdays and till 5 pm on Saturdays.

YEAR 2000 MEMBERSHIP DUES

RNA's annual membership of **$7.00** entitles you to nine issues of our newsletter, and voting privileges in RNA, if you live within the boundaries (Palisade Avenue to the West, Ogden Avenue to the east, Congress Street to the north and Cuneo Place to the south).

Please support your community by paying your dues at the next meeting, or sending a check, payable to RNA, to 232 Ogden Avenue.

Bulletin board

NOTICE:

This is the combined Dec.1999 - Jan. 2000 issue of our monthly newsletter. The next issue will be published in Feb. 2000. RNA will hold a meeting on January 11th.

December

December is the most angelic month of the year,
Everyone is Jolly, Santa is Coming,
Holly, Pine Cones, Candy Canes, Little Elves working to make Christmas Merry.
So Merry Christmas to All and a Happy New Year 2000!

Madeline Rea

From Valerie's Kitchen:

Traditional Potato Latkes

(Crispy pancakes cooked in oil to commemorate the miracle of Chanukah. Centuries ago, after their victory over the Syrians, the ancient Jews, in rededicating the temple, had only enough sacred oil to keep the menorah burning for a day. Miraculously, the oil lasted eight days.]

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 green onions, thinly sliced
- 2 baking potatoes (1 pound), shredded
- 2 tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 1 egg
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 tbsp. vegetable oil

1) Combine green onion, potato, flour, egg, salt and pepper in a large bowl.
2) Heat 1 1/2 tsp. of oil in a medium-sized nonstick skillet over medium heat. Drop potato mixture by slightly rounded measuring tablespoons into skillet, spreading level with back of spoon.
3) Cook latkes or pancakes for 4 to 5 minutes until golden, turning over with a spatula halfway during cooking. Transfer latkes with a spatula to a paper toweling to drain. Keep warm. Working in batches, repeat with remaining potato mixture and oil, making a total of about 15 latkes.
4) Serve warm with applesauce or sour cream.

Cheesy Rice Latkes

a) Substitute 3 cups of cooked brown rice, 1/2 cup of shredded carrots, 3 egg yolks, 3 tbsp. of flour, 3/4 cup of shredded cheddar cheese for above ingredients. Add salt and pepper.
b) Beat 3 egg whites with 1/8 tsp. of cream of tartar until stiff but not dry. Gently fold egg whites into rice mixture to combine.
c) Proceed with the above cooking directions.

POLICEBEAT

Residents should contact their **Neighborhood Task Force** (NTF) **Police Officers** if they have a problem, a safety concern or knowledge of criminal activity through the North District's Community Service voice mail at **547-5719** or through the front desk at **547-5350**. When leaving a message, include your name, telephone number, street address, the nature of the problem and the date and time of the message. For emergencies, call **547-5477** or **911**.

In addition, anyone with information about illegal drug use and/or drug dealing, should contact the JCPD **Narcotics Unit** at **547-5391** or beeper at **502-9131**. All calls will be strictly confidential.

On the following page, RNA has reprinted a page from the 1999 edition of the Heights Pride Booklet, entitled **Suspicious Activity / Crime Report**. Please use it to write down all information about any illegal activity that you witness in our neighborhood. The information will be helpful when you make the report to the police, in their investigation and if necessary, apprehension of a suspect.

[The **Heights Pride Booklet**, complied by Councilman Bill Gaughan, is a very helpful resource guide to municipal services. Copies can be obtained by calling Tom Dolan, the Councilman's aide at **547-4576** or picking it up at his Heights office at the Municipal Building at 325 Palisade Avenue.]

BAG LEAVES for SPECIAL PICK-UP

On **Thursday, December 16th**, the Jersey City Incinerator Authority will collect your fall leaves and garden debris. This material must be in biodegradable brown bags available from the City and not plastic bags. For more info, call the JCIA at **432-4645**.

CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR NEWSLETTER

How do you feel about what you just read in this newsletter. Are you satisfied with the quality of life in your community? Send articles, comments or recipes to 232 Ogden Ave.
The next deadline: **Friday, January 28, 2000.**

Recycle this Newsletter - Pass it on to a friend!

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Holiday Greetings for a Healthy Millenium to all our senior members

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$10.00 per person. RSVP by 12/13 - Robin (798-8151)

PARK LIGHTING CELEBRATION

Friday, December 17th, 6:30 PM

LOCATION: RIVERVIEW-FISK PARK

Pavilion lighting, holiday activities, refreshments, & Santa sighting

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday December 19th, 5:00 PM

LOCATION: RIVERVIEW-FISK PARK

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HELP US PATROL OUR STREETS!
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WAS THIS A (CHECK ONE) _____CRIME _____SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
BRIEFLY DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED:
ALCOHOL DRINKING:_____BURGLARIES_____DISORDERLY
GROUPS____NARCOTICS ACTIVITY___NOISE___PROSTITUTION_____
WHEN DID IT HAPPEN? DATE:_____TIME:_____

Where Did it Happen?
STREET_____
ADDRESS_____
NEAREST CROSS STREET:_____

SUSPECT DESCRIPTION

__MALE____FEMALE____Age____Height_____Weight_____Race_____
Hair Color_____Mustache, beard_____Glasses____Color of eyes_____
Tatttoos, amputations, scars and/or other distinguishing marks_____
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CLOTHING

Shirt_____Coat_____Trousers_____Shoes_____Tie_____Hat
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DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLE

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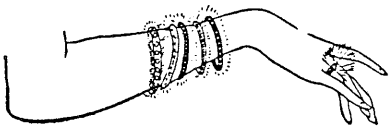

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COMING EVENTS

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1. **RNA MEETING: Tuesday, December 14th at 7:00 PM**
   LOCATION: THE HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER
   ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY: All our members are invited to bring a friend or neighbor. Hot food and refreshments will be served.

2. PARK LIGHTING EVENT: **Friday, Dec. 17th, 6:30 PM**
   Pavilion lighting & holiday activities in Riverview-Fisk Park co-sponsored by the City.

3. CHRISTMAS CAROLING: **Sunday Dec. 19th, 5 PM**

4. **RNA MEETING: Tuesday, January 11, 2000 at 7:15 PM**
   GUEST SPEAKER: **Carmine Venezia, Director of Parking Authority:**
   Implementation of the newly enacted Residential Permit Parking Ordinance.